

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2003. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 were pending in this application. Claims 16-18 are added by this amendment. Claims 1, 13, and 16 are independent claims. In the Office Action, Claim 15 is objected to for an informality. Claim 15 is amended herein to cure this informality in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. It is respectfully submitted that Claim 15 is now in proper form and it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-8 and 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,208,505 to Kuchta ("Kuchta"). Claims 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,480,372 to Vong ("Vong").

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claim 9 contains allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim. Claim 16 is represented herein and is formerly dependent Claim 9 rewritten in independent form. Accordingly it is respectfully submitted that Claim 16 is allowable and such indication is respectfully requested. Claims 17 and 18 are dependent on allowable Claim 16 and accordingly, are allowable for

this reason. However, it is the Applicant's desire that Claims 17 and 18 also be separately considered for the patentable elements respectively contained therein.

Kuchta shows a monitor housing wherein a keyboard tray 16 is pivotably attached to a lower portion 12 of the monitor housing. As is clearly show by FIG. 2, the pivot point 20 is only shown to allow ergonomic positioning (slight pivoting) of the keyboard tray. At best, the keyboard tray may pivot from a horizontal position to a vertical position, wherein both positions are forward of a flat screen monitor housing 34.

In sharp contrast thereto, Kuchta does not disclose or suggest (emphasis provided) "a frame member having an upper end and a lower end; and means for attaching the upper end of the frame member to a monitor such that the lower end of the frame member extends from a lower portion of the monitor to support the keyboard, wherein the lower end of the frame member is configured to provide the keyboard in both a first position and a second position, wherein the first position is an extended position in which the keyboard is extended approximately outward from a front surface of the monitor, and wherein the second position is a retracted position in which the keyboard is retracted approximately in line with and adjacent to a rear surface of the monitor" as required by Claim 1. This feature is clearly shown illustratively by each of FIGs. 3A-3C, 4, 5A-5B, and 6A-6B or the present patent application. Accordingly, Claim 1

is allowable over Kuchta and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested. Claims 2-12 are dependent on Claim 1 and are therefore allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained therein. For example, neither does Kuchta disclose or suggest "wherein the frame member is configured to move from an extended position down from a lower surface of the monitor to a retracted position up towards the lower surface of the monitor" as required by Claim 4; or "a ramp attached to the frame member between the upper end and the lower end, wherein the ramp is configured to slidably reposition the keyboard between the first position and the second position" as required by Claim 11. Accordingly it is respectfully requested that each of Claims 2-12 be separately considered for the patentable elements respectively contained therein.

Vong shows a personal computer 200 (FIG. 5) having a cavity 126 for receiving a keyboard 128 in a horizontal position. The keyboard is horizontally positioned in both an extended position 160 (shown by dashed lines) and a retracted position.

In sharp contrast thereto, Vong does not disclose or suggest (emphasis provided) "a display screen housing having a front surface and a back surface; a support frame attached to a rear portion of the display screen housing for supporting the display screen housing at a distance above a desktop, wherein the back surface of the display screen housing and the support frame define

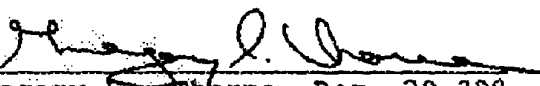
a channel therebetween; and means for supporting the keyboard approximately in line with the back surface of the display screen housing and at least partially within the channel formed by the display screen housing and the support frame" as required by Claim 13 and illustratively as shown in FIGs. 3A-3D as channel 315.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 13 is patentable over Vong and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 14 and 15 depend from Claim 13 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained therein. Separate consideration of each of Claims 14 and 15 is respectfully requested.

Applicant has made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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